

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., March 20, 1886.

Sir:

On the 24th ult. a supply of new forms for reporting deposits and purchases, — Domestic production and bars manufactured was forwarded you. In the letter transmitting them you were requested to forward a statement for the calendar year 1885 on each. In lieu thereof you forwarded twelve monthly statements on each of the forms and an annual statement on only one form viz: No. 61.

This led me to compare the statements last rendered with those rendered from month to month and I find that they disagree in so many particulars that

I am at a loss to know what to do about it.

The first set was entered from month to month in a book kept in this Bureau for the purpose, from which the annual statements embracing all the Mints and Assay Offices are compiled for the annual and special reports.

The annual statements for the fiscal year 1885, which includes six months embraced in these statements, have been compiled and printed in my annual report by ounces and value, and the annual statements for the calendar year 1885 have also been compiled in ounces and value for my report on Production, but not printed as yet.

Now I find that the figures for your Mint do not agree with the new statements

which you send nor with the annual statement for the calendar year, form 61. Statements for the calendar year have not been forwarded on forms 60 and 61½, as requested.

The entire batch of statements, the first set and the second set, is herewith returned that you may see wherein they differ.

These statements are among the most important which come to this Bureau and from them, as stated, is compiled, in conjunction with similar reports from the other Mints, the annual statements published in the reports. They also enter very largely into the basis of the estimate of the production of the precious metals in the United States and the localities from which produced. Consequently,

it is a matter of great importance that these statements be strictly accurate.

It must be evident that the statement of domestic production on form 61 must agree with the statement of domestic production on form 60.

It is a matter of regret that the reports from your Mint do not compare favorably as to their correctness with those of other institutions under the control of this Bureau, and their incorrectness necessitates changes which reflect both upon the Bureau and your Mint. I feel constrained therefore to ask your personal attention to this matter, and that you will see that more care is taken in their preparation hereafter.

Please return the statements enclosed

at your earliest convenience with such explanations as you have to offer.

Very respectfully,

James P. Kimball
Director.

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